ARTICLES OF PEACE

Concluded at

MUNSTER

The four and 'twentieth of *October*, 1648. *Stilo novo* between

HIS

Imperiall Majestie

And the most

Christian King,

AS ALSO

Between the Princes Electors and State of the *Romane* Empire.

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OF

Articles of Peace concluded at Munſter 24. *of* October 1648. Stilo novo, *Between his Imperiall Majeſtie and the moſt Chriſtian King: As alſo between the Princes Electors and States of the* Romane *Empire.*

In the Name of the holy TRINITY,

BE it known unto all and every one, and eſpecially to ſuch as are concerned therein: That whereas for many yeers a cruell War, Cancer-like hath fed upon the bowels of *Germany*, whereof alſo *France*, *Spain* and *Italy* have had their part, and had its beginning in the time of the moſt Illuſtrious *Ferdinand* the ſecond Emperour, and the moſt Chriſtian King, *Lodowick* 13. his Confederates, and his Heir *Lodowick* the 14. with his Allies (that is to ſay) the moſt Potent Queen of *Sweden* and her Conſorts, wherein Rivers of Chriſtian blood have flowed: now at laſt by the eſpeciall Providence of the Almighty, and the interpoſition of his Apoſtolicall Holineſſe, and of *Contarini* the high and

potent State of the *Venetian* Ambaſſadors, the co-operation of other Potentates and Princes, is reduced to a long wiſhed and univerſall Peace in all Chriſtendom.

Inprimis, It is hereby concluded, that there be a firm and everlaſting Peace and ſingular friendſhip between his Imperiall Majeſty and the moſt Chriſtian King, including all their Heirs and Coufederates, Lords, Princes and Eſtates of the *Romane* Empire, and principally the moſt potent Queen of *Sweden* and her Allies; which peace is infalliably to be kept, all enmity to ceaſe, and all to contribute to others peace where he or they can or may to their uttermoſt power and abilities.

2. That a generall Act of Oblivion ſhall be paſt, that none ſhall upon any terms remember any enmity or damage exerciſed upon each other, neither any way of hoſtility, Libels, calumnies or offences, as well within as without the bounds of the *Romane* Empire, perpetrated under any pretext or colour whatſoever ſhall be caſt up or remembred.

3. That after this, a ſincere and upright Peace ſhall be entertained between his Imperiall Majeſty and the moſt Chriſtian King of *France*, as alſo the Princes Electors, Princes and Eſtates of the *Romane* Empire, all the Articles here ſubſcribed duely obſerved, and none to aſſiſt others Enemies with Forces or Armes.

4. If any War or difference between either party ſhall happen, that no man in this Peace comprehended ſhall meddle with it, *viz.* if between the King of *France* and the *Romane* Empire about the Dutchie of *Burgundie* being a Member of the *Romane* Empire.

5. It is agreed that the parties in this Peace comprehended, may be imployed as interpoſers, *viz.* Be-

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tween the Crown of *France* and *Spain*, the Princes Electors and Princes, about the difference between the Crown of *France*, and the Duke of *Loraine* and others.

6. In this generall Act of Oblivion shall be comprehended all the Princes Electors, and Estates of the *Romane* Empire, and all their Vassals, Nobles, Earles, Lords, their followers and dependants; likewise all those that since the *Bohemian* War have been dispossest, shall be restored to their dignities and lands, and repaired in their losses.

7. If any question or difference shall fall out about the Hereditable possession of goods or lands, the parties are to repair before the ordinary Judges for reparation and justice.

8. There shall be restored to the Prince Elector of *Tryer*, all the goods and lands belonging to him in *Lutzenbergh*, *Flanders*, as also the Fort and Castle *Erenbrechstein*, wherein he may place a Colonell or Governour that shall by oath be obliged to him or his Capitall.

9. Notwithstanding the differences about the Superiour Palatinate hath been transmitted from *Munster* to *Osnabergh*, it is afterwards agreed and consented, that the whole Dominion of the Superiour Palatinate with the title of the Electorall dignity, County of *Cham* with all offices and dignities thereof, shall remain in the hands of *Maximillian*, Prince Elector of *Bavarie* and his Heires, and so long as their shall be any Heires Males of his line.

10. In lieu whereof the Prince Elector of *Bavarie* is to quit the thirteen Millions of gold, and all

other pretences whatsoever he hath to the house of *Austria* immediately after the publication of this Peace, and all other obligations whatsoever the said Elector hath in the upper Palatinate are for ever to be null.

11. His Imperiall Majesty hath upon his meere goodnesse, and intercession of the Assembly at *Munster*, consented that his Highnesse *Charles Lodowick* shall be the eight Elector, according to the order of the golden Bull: provided that he never shall pretend any dignity duely now belonging to the Prince Elector of *Bavarie*.

12. To the Prince Elector Palatine shall be restored the inferiour Palatinate, Civill and Ecclesiastick *cum pertinentis & dignitatibus* in manner as his Predecessors possest it before the *Bohemian* War; and because the King of *Spain* hath some possessions in the inferiour Palatinate, his Imperiall Majestie shall endeavour the restitution thereof; the *Berghstreet* shall after the ratification of the Peace remain in the Prince Elector Palatine untill the moneys before lent thereupon be repayed.

13. If the Prince Elector of *Bavarie* shal happen to die without issue Male, the Superiour Palatinate with the Electorall titles to revert to the Prince Elector *Charles*, &c. and his heires.

14. His Imperiall Majestie, to lessen the Burthens that are to be upon the Prince Elector Palatine for the provisions of his brothers subsistence, hath appointed a yearly Pention in money that is to be duely and exactly payed.

15. Upon the most earnest intercession for the

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Prince Electors Mother, and Sisters, his Imperiall Majesty out of his meer goodnesse and favour, hath appointed a remarkable sum of money, over and above the Annuall Dowrie of the said Princesse, for her and their better maintenance yearly to be payed.

16. Those of the *Lutheran* profession shall have their Church, and free exercise of their Religion as formerly in *Openheim*.

17. The Duke of *Wertenbergh* shall be restored to all his Lands and Dominions in *Burgundy*.

18. The Marquesse of *Baden* and his Heires shall enjoy the favour of this generall Act of Oblivion, and restitution of all his Lands and Dominions.

19. All the Counts and Lords of *Vetteraue* (*viz.*) the Count of *Nassaw*, *Seighen*, as also the Counts of *Solmes*, *Esinbergh*, *Valkenstein* and *Oringh*, shall be restored to their hereditary Lands and Dignities.

20. All sentences past in time of Warre and not executed shall be vacat and reduced.

21. All exiles out of the hereditary Land of his Imperiall Majesty shall enjoy the benefit of this generall Act of Oblivion, and be restituted to their Lands, Dignities, Offices and Charges, as it was in the year 1618.

22. And if any of their Lands and Goods be transferred upon others, they may have liberty to bring their plea before the ordinary Judge, and Justice to be done.

23. Herein shall not be comprehended any moveables or any things that by inevitable course of the War hath been alienated.

24. Whereas the *Geulesse* succession in time of Peace hath been under question, it shall be decided by his Imperiall Majesty as ordinary Judge.

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25. For the better Eſtabliſhment of the Peace of the Roman Empire, by this *Inſtrumentum pacis*, it is determined that all thoſe of the Reformed Religion ſhall enjoy the liberty as in the Treaty with the *Swedes* at large is to be ſeen.

26. And for that purpoſe the Landſgrave of *Heſſen*, and the Lady *Dowager* notwithſtanding all the Acts and Declarations paſt againſt them, ſhall enjoy this Act of Oblivion, and be reſtored to their former dignity as it was before the *Bohemian* War without exception.

27. By this Treaty is alſo by his Imperiall Majeſty conſented, that to the Lady *Dowager* of *Heſſen* for the damage ſhe hath ſuſtained in theſe late Wars, ſhall within ſix moneths be payed by the Arch-Biſhops of *Mentz*, and *Collen*, the Biſhop of *Munſter*, the Abbot of *Fulda* the ſum of 600000. Rix Dollars.

28. The Lady *Dowager* of *Heſſen*, ſhall keep in poſſeſſion the Towns and Forts of *Niſe*, *Coſefeild*, and *Newhouſe*, untill the forementioned ſum of money be payed to her.

29. Concerning the difference between the Landtgrave of *Heſſen Darmeſtat*, and *Heſſen Caſſell* about the ſucceſsion in the County and Town of *Marburgh*, it ſhall remain in the condition as was agreed between both the parties.

30. Likewiſe the Treaty concluded between *william Landtgrave* of *Heſſen*, and *Wolrafe* Count of *Waldick* upon the fourth of *April* 1608. ſhall be obſerved duely in its integrity.

31. Further *jus minoritatis* between the Houſe of *Heſſen Caſſell*, and *Heſſen Darmeſtat* ſhall continue after the former practice.

32. Further

32. Further, his Imperiall Majeſty doth confirm the priviledge granted to the City of *Baſill* as likewiſe to the Cantouns of the *Switzers* upon the fourteenth of *May* laſt for to be exempted of the *Roman* Empire.

33. Likewiſe to prevent all miſtakes and differences in the *Roman* Empire, his Imperiall Majeſty Conſtitutes that in times to come, all and every one of the Princes of the *Roman* Empire ſhall enjoy their prerogatives derived from their predeceſſors, in adminiſtration of Juſtice, Civil and Eccleſiaſtick.

34. It ſhall be obſerved without contradiction in times to come, that none of the Members of the *Roman* Empire whatſoever, ſhall have liberty to impoſe new Cuſtomes, raiſe men or Arms, make Peace or Confederacies with any forraine Prince or Potentate, without the free conſent of the whole body of the *Roman* Empire.

35. Further, promiſe is made by the Lords Ambaſſadors that the Ratification of the Peace here concluded, ſhall be produced within the ſpace of ſix weeks from the date hereof, and thereupon the Eſtates of the *Roman* Empire, ſhall upon occaſion appoint time for the Election of a King of the *Romans*, likewiſe courſe ſhall be taken in what manner the Imperiall proſcription ſhall be exerciſed, and how far it may be extended, as alſo how the Chamber of Juſtice at *Spiers* may be maintained for the good and benefit of the Commonwealth.

36. Alſo a certain courſe and form ſhall be agreed upon by the Princes Electors, Eſtates, and free Towns of the *Roman* Empire, about the impoſitions of Cuſtomes, Taxes, yearly Revenues, and Royalties im-

mediately depending upon the Imperiall Crown, firmly to be eſtabliſhed at the next Imperiall diet.

37. No intereſt ſhall be payed for the moneys that have been levied for bearing the inevitable Charge of War, and terms to be granted for the payment of the Capitall ſums.

38. That Marchandize (which is *gloria Regum Floriet*) it is conſented that the King of *France* ſhall not meddle with any Merchant goods upon the Eaſt of the *Rhyne*, neither ſhall the Houſe of *Auſtria* pretend any new impoſitions without conſent of either party.

39. All Gentlemen, Vaſſalls, Free Burgers or Yeomen ſhall after publication of this Peace, quit their poſſeſsions beyond the *Rhyne* which they have acquired either by the Emperour, the King of *France*, or *Sweden*, and not by inheritance.

40. Immediately after the concluſion of this Peace, the King of *France* is to take poſſeſſion of the Circuit of *Strasburgh*, the Dominions, Biſhopricks, Abbacies, Countyes, and Barronies, mentioned in the particular Treaty.

41. In lieu whereof the moſt Chriſtian King is to pay to the Houſe of *Auſtria* three Millions of Gold, upon St. *John Baptiſts* day, within three years next.

42. Concerning the difference between the Duke of *Savoy*, and the Duke of *Mantua*, the Treaty between the Emperour and the King of *France* at *Tyraſcoe*, ſixth of *April* 1631. ſhall remain in its integrity.

43. Immediately after the ſigning of this Treaty, all Ambaſſadors ſhall give notice to their Maſters, Generalls, and Officers of War reſpectively, for the end that Hoſtility may ceaſe, and free Traffique may be entertained.

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44. A certain day is to be appointed for the Ratification hereof, as alſo what courſe is to be taken for the disbanding of the Armies on all ſides.

45. His Imperiall Majeſty ſhall, after the ſigning hereof, publiſh this Peace, ſo that every one according to the Articles of this Treaty, may either reſtore or poſſeſſe according to the Treaty.

46. Likewiſe notice is to be given to all Governours of Towns and Forts, to quit their ſeverall Garriſons at the times appointed.

47. All Priſoners, immediatly after the Proclamation of this Peace, are to be ſet at liberty.

48. All places poſſeſt by the Emperour, the King of *France*, or the Crown of *Sweden* ſhall be reſtored to their owners.

49. Theſe Articles ſhall not upon any pretext whatſoever, either Civill or Eccleſiaſtick, be contradicted or violated, provided no man ſhall be controlled in his Religion, *ſans* fraud or guile; And theſe Articles are in this Form ſubſcribed, Signed and Sealed by the Lords Ambaſſadors of all ſides.

Munſter 24. Octobris *hora quinta poſt meridiana.*

FINIS.